

**NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET.**

FOR PRESIDENT:

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For Governor:

**JOSEPH W. FOLK, of St. Louis.**

For Lieutenant-Governor:

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**SAM. B. COOK, of Audrain County.**

For Auditor:

**ALBERT O. ALLEN, of New Madrid Co.**

For Treasurer:

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For Attorney-General:

**ELLIOTT W. MAJORS, of Pike County.**

For Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner:

**H. R. OGLESBY, of Johnson County.**

**IRON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC TICKET.**

For Representative:

**JOHN C. HORN.**

For County Judge—Southern Dist.:  
**MARION LEWIS.**

For County Judge—Western Dist.:  
**WARREN C. JOHNSON.**

For Collector of the Revenue:

**P. W. WHITWORTH.**

For Prosecuting Attorney:

**CHAS. P. DAMRON.**

For Assessor:

**JAMES LEWIS.**

For Sheriff:

**JOHN W. POLK.**

For Treasurer:

**J. N. LEWIS.**

The Democrat who hankers after Republican flesh-pots has mighty poor taste, but when he abandons his party because of personal pique or disappointment, the quality of his loyalty is poor indeed.

I HAVE been through many a political campaign, but this is the first wherein it has been attempted to raise a doubt of the loyalty of the head of the ticket. It seems to me that Mr. Folk, in his own interest, ought to voice himself plainly and unequivocally, no matter how irresponsible the source of the insinuation. It is one place where he can easily trip the heels of Ananias.

For my part, I don't need from Mr. Folk a certificate of good character for Sam. Cook and Albert Allen; or vice versa. A greater authority than either has set its seal of approval upon all of them, and they are my choice from now on. My "check" may be in evidence sometimes, but lacks the firmness and dimensions necessary to a proclamation that I am either bigger or better than the Democratic party.

THAT liars are cheerful figures is becoming more pronouncedly evident as the campaign waxes. Carroll D. Wright, the Republican statistician, is mathematically filling the dinner-pails and making everybody content and happy. The quarter or half million starving strikers are merely an incident proving that they haven't sense enough to "stand pat" and "let well enough alone." They ought to read Wright and let thinking to those who can intelligently differentiate the problem of happiness.

I AM as strong a believer in "Bryanism" to-day as I ever was, and am a greater admirer of Bryan than before he was tried in the school of temporary defeat. But, I for one can gracefully accept the decision of the Democratic National Convention and heartily advocate the election of Judge Parker. He is, it is true, a believer in the gold standard, and was so in 1896 and 1900. But that did not prevent his submission to the will of the party then, and he gave his influence and of his money—he is not a rich man—to the conduct of the Democratic campaign. It does not draw from my stock of magnanimity to support such a man. There ought to be mighty few Democratic fishing parties on election day this year, and no gudgeons to swallow Republican bait.

THERE is one point the Republic makes good against Walbridge and the Republicans. For a year or more they have been charging that the whole State administration was corrupt because a few Democratic boodlers were unearthed in the legislature; "and, surely," they smugly argue, "this couldn't have been without the knowledge of the other officials." During the Republican era of corruption in St. Louis—1881 to 1897—Mr. Walbridge was almost constantly in office, as member of the

House of Delegates, as President of the City Council, and as Mayor. But he inaugurated no crusade against the corruption of the times. To turn the argument of the Republican organs against themselves, he must have had knowledge of the wrong-doing all about him, or have been mentally stone-blind. This charging personal dishonesty against a high official because there are rogues somewhere beneath him, is a boomerang, and he who throws it may receive the hurt he seeks to inflict.

A LOUD "reform" howler is A. J. Summers of Wright county, and his selection as elector for the 16th district does not surprise me. As to the kind of Democrat he is, permit me to quote from the *Eminence Current Ware*, as staunch and loyal a Democratic paper as there is in the State:

The caucus of the 16th district, at the Jefferson City convention, selected A. J. Summers, of Wright county, for Presidential elector. This is the same Summers that was a candidate for State Senator in this district two years ago, and who sold his support to Dr. G. R. Norman, one of his opponents, and failed to deliver it, though he kept the money he received. Subsequently Summers bolted the Democratic nominee, James Orchard, and advocated the election of J. D. Young, the Republican nominee, who was elected through aid of Democratic bolters. The delegation at the convention from Shannon county was L. S. Lovan, J. W. Copeland and Ed. J. Shuck, and we are informed that they voted as a unit for Summers. If the bolting of Democratic primary nominees and the supporting of Republican nominees entitle men to Democratic preferment it is a new rule in our political methods, and the precedent may prove disastrous to Democratic nominees hereafter.

If Senator Stone had asked my advice, I would have said, "Don't." He could well have silently endured the nagging, the insinuations and the vicious lies of such sheets as the *Kansas City Star* and the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Uncorroborated by indisputable evidence, no intelligent citizen credits their statements, and therefore they are capable of little effect. But I do submit that, after hounding Senator Stone day after day for months and years, it is the quintessence of gall in the P.-D. to say that in his letter of self-defense "he subordinates the best interests of Mr. Folk as candidate for the governorship, and the best interests of the Democratic party, to the gratification of private malice and petty resentment." "Private malice and petty resentment," when he was being publicly charged with the gravest political crimes, time and again! I don't say his letter is timeless or politic, but that it was framed for the purpose of injuring the party whose champion he is and has ever been, is so utterly preposterous that such a conception could be born only of hatred toward him—that, pure and simple.

THE *St. Louis Star* was one of the Republican papers that shouted loudly for Folk before his nomination. But now! Well, the *Star* is typically Republican in that its party comes first in all considerations. I do not find fault with it for this; but every Democrat who swallowed its utterances and protestations before, has good cause for feeling aggrieved after. It has dropped Folk "like a hot potato" and is advocating his defeat. As a sign-board to all weak-minded Democrats who foolishly gave their faith to its utterances, I reproduce an editorial from the *Star*, dated September 22, 1903. It is a sample of the "hot air" that paper so lavishly blew threw the whippers of Democratic "suckers":

The thoughtful people of this State will have matters in their own hands during the next campaign. Good government, an honest vote and a fair count is all that any of them want. This can be had, and will be had, provided Joseph W. Folk is the nominee of the dominant party. If nominated, it goes without saying that he will be elected by practically a unanimous vote, and he deserves to be. The Republicans, if they desire to be in at the jubilee, would better take measures, if Folk is nominated, to legally place him at the head of their ticket, thus making the verdict for the redemption of Missouri unanimous.

The Republic calls the *Star's* attention to this very pronounced and unequivocal promise to the people, and the latter replies by fu quoking the former. This may answer as a flippant rejoinder to "Old 1808" but it's a mighty poor defense of the *Star's* own honor and sincerity.

Sam B. Cook.

The following communication from Mr. Cook fully explains the *Post-Dispatch's* animosity to him. There seems to be quite a general misunderstanding as to the duties and powers of the state board of equalization. Recently I have noticed in several Missouri papers the statement that the state board fixed the assessment of the St.

*Louis Post-Dispatch*. This is not correct. The mistake impression has, in all probability, grown out of the fact that two years ago, in comparing the assessment of public service corporations made by the Missouri state board, with like assessment made in surrounding states, I called attention to the ridiculously low assessment of the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch*.

That paper was insisting that property in St. Louis assessed by the local assessor was listed for taxing purposes at 70 per cent of its actual value, while the state board was only assessing public service corporations at about half that figure. After citing the fact that the Missouri state board assessed corporations in Missouri from 50 to 130 per cent higher than in any of adjoining states, that the St. Louis street railways at more than three times as much as they were assessed by the Republican city assessor, I cited the *Post-Dispatch's* own assessment to show the untruthfulness of the statement that property in St. Louis was assessed at 70 per cent.

The Joseph Pulitzer Publishing Company, better known as the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, is capitalized at a million dollars, fully paid up. Its owners swear it is worth 100 cents on the dollar. As a matter of fact, it could not be bought at anything like that sum. The assessment for the year I wrote the article, 1901, of this million dollar corporation, instead of being \$700,000, as would have been the figures had the *Post-Dispatch's* statement been correct, was \$25,000. Instead, therefore, of an assessment of 70 per cent, the *Post-Dispatch* for the year 1901 paid on a valuation of 2 1-2 per cent.

In commenting on the successful effort of the *Post-Dispatch* to evade its just proportion of the state and city taxes, I used this language: "I know of no other taxpayer in the state, farmer, merchant, laborer, mechanic, corporation, or what not his business may be, who has attained such colossal success as a tax dodger as Millionaire Pulitzer's St. Louis million dollar newspaper."

The assessment of the *Post-Dispatch* for the present year, I understand, has been increased to something like \$32,000. This is the paper that is charging the Missouri state board of equalization with favoring public service corporations.

And yet the *Post-Dispatch* well knows that the Missouri state board assesses corporate property 48 per cent higher than in Illinois, 60 per cent higher than in Kansas and 130 per cent higher than in Iowa. The *Post-Dispatch* knows that the Missouri state board assessed the street railways of St. Louis 200 per cent more than the assessment made by the last Republican city assessor. The *Post-Dispatch* knows that the present state board in the last three years has increased the assessments of steam railroads more than \$2,000 per mile, and that no other state in the union shows a greater increase in corporate assessment. The *Post-Dispatch* further knows that if its own assessment was made on the same basis as that governing the state board of equalization in fixing the value of public service corporations, that instead of paying taxes on \$32,000 it would pay on not less than \$350,000.

I call attention to these facts to correct the impression that the state board of equalization is responsible for the ridiculously low assessment of the *Post-Dispatch*, and also to expose the dishonesty of that paper's warfare on Democratic rule in Missouri.

SAM B. COOK.

School books and school supplies now on sale at H. Barnhouse's, south of courthouse, Iron-ton, Mo.

Our stock of gents' and boys' summer suits is complete, also furnishings for summer wear, and we always keep shoes at bottom prices. H. Barnhouse, south of courthouse, Iron-ton, Mo.

For sale, or exchange for Horses or Feed—Surries, Buggies and Spring Wagon. Come and see Collins, the Livery man.

Real enjoyment is had when reading that clever magazine, *The Smart Set*.

Remember we have a very large stock of stoneware, queensware, glassware, fruit jars, in glass and stone, jelly glasses in plain and fancy. H. Barnhouse, south of courthouse, Iron-ton, Mo. 'Phone No. 41.

**Weather Report.**

Meteorological report of Voluntary Observer at Iron-ton, Iron county, Mo., for the week ending Tuesday, August 16, 1904:

Days of Week.	Temperature.		Precipitation.
	Highest.	Lowest.	
Wednesday.....	10	88	61
Thursday.....	11	81	64
Friday.....	12	92	60
Saturday.....	13	93	64
Sunday.....	14	94	65
Monday.....	15	84	63
Tuesday.....	16	88	62

NOTE—The precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "T" indicates trace of precipitation.

W. H. DELANO, Observer.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought

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Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

# FIRST CLEARING SALE.

IN THIS, OUR FIRST CLEARING SALE, we propose to make it the Biggest, Greatest and Grandest Slaughter of Prices ever before seen in Iron-ton, and to our friends and patrons generally we are prepared to offer values that will at once astonish as well as please. In this Great Mid-Summer Clearance we have made immense reductions, which has resulted in an extremely long list of bargains for the consuming public.



**\*MILLINERY\***

A clean-up of our entire stock of Ready to Wear and Trimmed Hats at just One-Half the regular price.

Misses' and Children's Sailors, that sold for \$1 and \$1.25, now go at **50c**

\$1.50 Hats for 75c.

\$2.00 Hats for \$1.00.

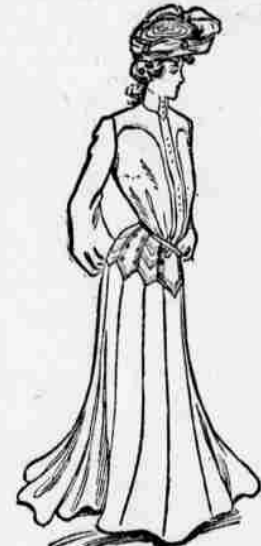
\$5.00 Hats for \$2.50, etc.

## Shirt Waists and Skirts.

Beautifully Embroidered White Shirt Waists that sold for \$1.25 and \$2.00, now going at **\$1.00**  
Elegant Pleated Waists with Embroidered Fronts, that sold for \$2.50, now **\$1.75**  
White Duck Skirts that were excellent values at 75c, now going for, each **50c**  
Skirts that were sold for \$1.00, now go for **65 and 75c**  
Skirts that were sold for \$2.50, now go for **1.75**

## A Closing Out of Ladies' Black Taffeta Silk Skirts.

Skirts that sold for \$12 and \$15 now going at **\$6.50 & 8.50**



## Big Reductions in Dress Goods, Lawns, Calicos, Gingham, etc.

**Special.** One lot of Lawn, 15 different patterns, that sold from 8 1-3 to 15c a yard, now going at 6 1-2c. All remaining patterns of Lawn of regular 15 and 20c grade, cut to 12 1-2c a yard. Lawns that sold for 12 1-2 and 15c, now going at 10c per yard.

**VARIATED VOILE**—Just the thing for skirts, for serviceable all-around wear, that were 15c per yard, now 8 1-3c.

**APRON GINGHAMS**—One lot of 1000 yards, regular 8 1-3c value, for 6c per yard. **Special.** One lot Dress Gingham, regular 8 and 10c value. goes at 5c.

**Calico.** 3000 yards, bought at a specially reduced price, worth 6c per yard, goes at 3 1-2c.

**SPECIAL VALUES IN DOMESTICS**—The best grade L. L., yard wide, unbleached Sheeting, regular 7 1-2c quality, goes for 5 7-8c per yard.

**BLEACHED DOMESTIC**—Fruit of the Loom; acknowledged the best 10c grade on the market, goes for 7 1-2c a yard; 10 yards to each customer.

Forest Mills, regular 8 1-3c grade, for 6c per yard.



## Shoes! Shoes!

We are always right on Shoes, and during this sale we aim to make this a "Bumper" Shoe Clearance, and

to that end have proceeded to cut the price practically one-half. On Misses' and Ladies' Oxfords, Ties and Strap Sandals, bargains at the former price of \$1.65, \$1.75 and \$2, now going at the ridiculously low price of \$1.25.

Misses' Pat. Leather Sandals, formerly \$1 and \$1.25, now reduced to 80c.

Large lot Ladies' Sample Shoes, sizes 3 to 5, regular \$1.75 and \$2.00 grade, going at \$1.25 and \$1.35.

One lot Men's Sample Patent Leather Shoes, button, latest style, worth \$3.00, going at \$2.

One lot Men's Sample high grade Shoes, mostly 6 to 7 1-2, regular \$3.50 grade, for \$2.50. **SPECIAL**—15 pairs Women's Pat. Leather Shoes, worth \$3.50 and \$4, sizes 3 to 4 1/2, going at the unprecedented price of \$1.75. Child's beautiful Pat. Leather Shoes, sizes 6 to 8, worth \$1.50, go for \$1. Lack of space prevents mentioning many other shoe bargains.

## Groceries.

Our Grocery Department is up-to-date and completely filled with nice Fresh Groceries. We are prepared to make prices that cannot fail to command attention. Note a few of them:

Arbuckle Coffee, per pkg - 12c  
Excellent Head Rice (whole grain) per pound - 5c  
Eighteen pounds of Best Granulated Sugar (\$1 worth to each customer) \$1.00  
Good Tea, per pound - 40c  
Extra Fine Gunpowder Tea, 1b 50c

We also carry in stock the celebrated Hanley & Kinsells Coffees.

Try our Moca and Java Coff at 20c and 25c per pound.

Call and see us, you are always welcome at the big store.

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